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Remarks.

Reconsideration of the application as hereby amended is respectfully requested.

Allowability of claims 14-22, 24-26 and 29 is acknowledged.

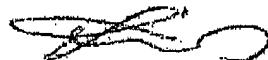
In response to the Examiner's new comments and objections the dependency of claims 25-26 has been corrected and claim 30 has been deleted without prejudice.

Applicant may consider to re-propose the subject-matter of the claims deleted or withdrawn in a new, duly filed divisional application.

It will be noted that a sincere effort has been made to positively respond to all of the points raised by the Examiner.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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